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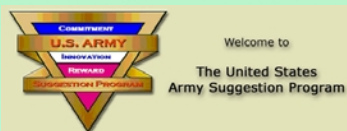
## Quick Read

### Benelux

#### New automated Army Suggestion Program

Soldiers and Army civilian employees may now go online to the Army Suggestion Program, at <https://armysuggestions.army.mil> to submit their "Good Ideas."

The website improves the timeliness for processing suggestions and improves the reporting procedures.



Logging in requires an Army Knowledge On-line account. The automated format replaces previous hard copy documentation.

Its the new, and only way to submit suggestions. The program still seeks ideas to improve work methods, materials, processes, equipment, logistics, utilities or tools benefitting the Army.

Approved and implemented suggestions that save the Army money are often eligible for a cash award. The more money saved, the larger the potential award.

The suggestion must present a problem or situation, propose a solution and state the benefit to the government.

The Army Suggestion Program at the USAG Benelux is managed by the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office (PAIO) located in building 30, Caserne Daumerie, Chièvres, Belgium. For additional information, call DSN 361-5546.

### SHAPE/Chièvres

#### Education fair

The Chievres Post Exchange will host an education fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 28, for Soldiers, civilian employees and their families with representatives from Central Texas College, University of Maryland, University of Phoenix, University of Oklahoma, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the Air Force Counselor, and SHAPE Education counselors. For info, call DSN 423-3466 or email [shape.education@benelux.army.mil](mailto:shape.education@benelux.army.mil).

## USAG Benelux

### Garrisons unfurl new colors



PHOTOS: J.D. Hardesty

(Above) The three U.S. Army Garrison Benelux elements pass and review during the Installation Management Agency-Europe's redesignation ceremony Oct. 13 in Heidelberg, Germany led by (left front) Lt. Col. John G. Romero, Chièvres Garrison commander, who is followed by Lt. Col. Richard S. Richardson, commander of USAG Schinnen and Lt. Col. Patrick J. Kilroy, commander of USAG Brussels. (Below) Lt. Col. Romero and Command Sgt. Maj. John M. Gaines, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux command sergeant major, encase the 80th Area Support Group's colors as seven former area support groups and their respective base support battalions in Europe were redesignated U.S. Army garrisons.

## It's Official

By J.D. Hardesty

HEIDELBERG, Germany - The 80th Area Support Group, the 254th Base Support Battalion and the NATO Support Activity unfurled new colors here, Oct. 13, and were redesignated garrisons under the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux banner.

The 80th was redesignated U.S. Army Garrison Benelux with the 254th becoming USAG Schinnen and NSA transforming into USAG Brussels. Soldiers, civilian employees and their families in the SHAPE/Chievres, Belgium area will be supported by the USAG Benelux's Chièvres Garrison.

The redesignation aligns the 21 U.S. Army Garrisons in Europe with the common U.S. Army installation management structure worldwide, known as Standard Garrison Organization.

The change is part of an overall strategy to standardize the organizational structure of Installation Management Agency-Europe so that Soldiers and their families will see consistency in worldwide service delivery across Army installations.

"We have great Soldiers, great flags and great families," said IMA-Europe Region Director Russell B. Hall. "You are what this ceremony is about."

Hall said the Soldiers and families here in Europe do not always enjoy the same kinds of off-post services, facilities and recreational opportunities available in the states and stressed that IMA must meet their needs through the garrisons. He said there must be no

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Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski  
USAG Benelux Commander

Please let me tell you about one of those opportunities that exists within our communities. It's a volunteer-led program that is dedicated solely to provide training and knowledge to spouses and family members. The classes are free, often taught at the college level, and train participants to be self-suffi-

## Nowowiejski Notes

cient leaders in their communities. I'm talking about American Forces Team Building, based on the Army Family Team Building (AFTB) model and program. There is an AFTB office at Schinnen serving JFC Brunssum, and one at SHAPE that serves both Chièvres and Brussels. Both are part of our wide variety of Army Community Services programs under the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.

I am asking you personally to consider the wide variety of classes being offered through AFTB. The classes are designed to acquaint you with the military lifestyle, tailored to the life experience here in the Benelux, at times of your choosing and convenience. There are classes designed to help you manage time better and to reduce stress. There are classes which will teach you how to navigate

all those peculiarities and acronyms which are unique to being part of a military community. It is not my purpose here to give you a listing of times, places, subjects, and classes. They change too often based on need to simply summarize. Just check the web page for your community, using the site [www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil](http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil), and you will easily find the current offerings and local points of contact.

If you think AFTB is just for spouses and Family Readiness Groups, you have a mistaken notion. AFTB classes can be presented to any audience in the military community. They are good for professional development and civilian training. They can be utilized to provide training during Sergeant's Time. Right now, we just need more of you to be-

gin to attend a class or two and to try the program out. If you don't find the subject you would like, then ask for it. Check for the user needs survey on line and participate by giving the program directors your feedback.

This program runs on volunteers. We have just recently trained a new group of instructors, and you will see them in action in the coming weeks. Encourage AFTB by your own participation and by volunteering in the program. Depending on your college program, some AFTB classes earn college credit. Ask your AFTB instructor or college guidance counselor.

If you've never considered American Forces Team Building before, we encourage you to give the program a hard look. No matter whether you are a family member, civilian employee, or military member, this program is for you. It's free education in the healthy military life. Please try one class and let us begin to meet your needs.

## Safety: *The long weekend tragedies* Alert

Bell Sends #6-01  
12 October 2005

### Rules for 2-wheelers get ticket tough

Due to the recent motorcycle deaths of two soldiers in U.S. Army Europe, the USAREUR Provost Marshal has put out guidance making it mandatory for all motorcycle riders to have and wear the proper equipment standards.

For all U.S. installations in Europe, and specifically the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux installations (Chièvres/Daumerie, Schinnen, and Brussels), motorcycle drivers must have the specific safety equipment outlined in AE 190-1:

- 1) A helmet properly fastened under the chin.
- 2) Shatterproof eye protection.
- 3) Protective clothing:
  - ☐ Full-fingered gloves
  - ☐ High-visibility garments (bright colored clothing for day travel and reflective clothing for night travel)
  - ☐ Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes
  - ☐ Long-sleeved shirt or jacket
  - ☐ Trousers

The USAG Benelux Provost Marshal's office and the military Police on patrol have been tasked to ticket those who do not comply with the above standard. **Strict enforcement will start on Oct. 24.**

The Provost Marshal's Office will give a week to allow dissemination; warnings will be given during that time, and the drivers will be told to walk their vehicles to the front gate and park them.

1. Vehicle fatalities were a hot topic at my Commanders Safety Council meeting yesterday. To summarize what was discussed, we were reasonably successful at curbing vehicle fatalities over the first 10 months of fiscal year 2005, but we have not been successful over the last couple months.

2. In September, two relatively seasoned noncommissioned officers died in motorcycle crashes. Now, just 10 days into the new fiscal year, car crashes have claimed the lives of two Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division. They died over the long Columbus Day weekend in head-on collisions. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in both accidents. In both cases, the driver crossed the centerline into oncoming traffic.

3. We cannot attribute this kind of carnage to bad luck, because it is not about bad luck; it is about being effective as leaders - from me, through you, and down to and including first-line supervisors.

4. We are going to reverse this trend. We cannot allow all the great and wonderful things that we accomplish every day to be overshadowed by our failure to effectively impact on Soldiers' behavior. Leaders: we must be visible to those we are charged with leading. E-mail messages do not cut it. Safety briefings alone do not cut it. What works is one-on-one caring complemented by concerned discussions and



Gen. B. B. Bell

agreements between Soldiers and their first-line supervisors. This process, called *Under the Oak Tree Counseling*, is explained in detail in the recently revised Army in Europe Command Policy Letter 3, Safety. Leaders must influence first-line supervisors, who in turn must engage with their Soldiers and influence their behavior.

5. Beyond that one-on-one effort, we must follow through with systematic checks. This includes checks to make sure performance is to standard. Opportunities for leaders are checks at the gate, in motor pools, at local hangouts, and anywhere else deemed necessary to provide extra emphasis on how much we care for one another. This also includes working with local police to make roadside checks. Look at the 82nd Airborne Division. They have not lost a Soldier in an accident for, at last count, 267 days. Their chain of command is clearly engaged and being effective. Our goal is *No Loss of Life*. Up and down the chain of command, we need to keep that attainable goal as our objective. This needs to be fundamental in everything we do. Take tough care and stay battle-ready to execute with excellence Any Mission Anywhere.

B.B. BELL  
General, US Army  
Commanding

## USAREUR NCO killed on motorcycle

Bell Sends 37-05  
26 September 2005

1. Last Saturday evening yet another U.S. Army Europe Soldier - a sergeant first class - was killed in a tragic motorcycle crash. While riding on a secondary, two-lane road near his home, he lost control of his bike on a curve and hit a tree. The Soldier, who was not wearing a helmet or any other prescribed protective riding equipment, suffered massive head injuries

and later died. He was 33 years old.

2. The Soldier leaves behind a wife and several children. He also leaves a key USAREUR organization without a critical NCO. This traumatic loss of life is as senseless as it is frustrating. I wonder what was he thinking? Where was his safety net? Where were his battle buddies?

3. This Soldier is the second USAREUR NCO to die in a motorcycle crash on local roads this month. Across the Army, Taps has been

played 14 times since Memorial Day because of Motorcycle fatalities. Most of the fatalities were leaders and mentors: one captain, two sergeants first class, five staff sergeants and two sergeants. Only four were lower-ranking Soldiers. Their average age was 38. This is not a young Soldier problem! It is a problem with those we charge with leadership.

4. These statistics tell us that we are not effectively targeting the right at-

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disparity between garrisons stateside and overseas.

“While U.S. forces are transforming into tactical, war-fighting units, we are simultaneously transforming base operations in garrisons to support those who go to war,” Hall said. “Looking at garrisons worldwide we have the have’s and the have not’s. Our goal is to provide access to standardized, high quality support and services to Soldiers, civilian employees and their families worldwide. It’s what our garrisons need; it’s what our families deserve.”

Hall explained it was absolutley vital with current Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom that Soldiers train with a focus on today and on the future.

“Installation Management Agency comes from a proud lineage reflective in the flags and streamers held by those Soldiers before us today,” he said. “We still have partners and strive everyday that the support and services you need are there.”

Maj. Gen. David P. Valcourt, U.S. Army Europe acting deputy commanding general spoke to those gathered for the redesignation ceremony about the importance of IMA in the states versus overseas.

“If IMA is important to units in CONUS, magnify that 10-fold in OCONUS Europe,” he said. “The Army family has always been here for you. With Soldiers supporting downrange missons in Afganistan and Iraq, base operations quickly proved its value as families expect more from IMA.”

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risk group of motorcycle operators. To prevent motorcycle accidents, we need to extend our risk-management efforts to older, more senior Soldiers and NCO leaders - those who are supposed to be mentoring and setting the example for younger Soldiers. Commanders and out most senior NCOs shold



PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty

Maj. Gen. David P. Valcourt (left) ,U.S. Army Europe acting deputy commanding general served as reviewing officer for the former area support groups and base support battalions redesignated U.S. Army Garrisons Oct. 13 in an IMA-EURO hosted ceremony in Heidelberg, Germany. Accompanying Valcourt is IMA Europe Region Director Russell B. Hall (middle) and IMA Deputy Director Col. Douglas Earle.

Reflecting on the work area support groups and base support battalions conducted assisting 35,000 Soldiers to deploy downrange and 25,000 pieces of equipment, Valcourt explained how IMA and USAREUR must continue to work together as V Corps prepares to deploy downrange, 1st Armored Division redeploys back to the states and the standing up of the Stryker Brigade in Europe. “The Standard Garrison Organization will continue to be used as a multiplier in the future.”

Activated at the beginning of fiscal year 2002, Hall said, “We should have all of the Standard Garrison Organizations set to the needs of each European Region community by the end of FY 2007. While each garrison will look a little different, a template is being created so that each garrison will be shaped to carry the essence of the mission of bringing high quality standards and services our Army families deserve. The redesignation and flagging ceremony is just one step in the process.

closely examine this older group of motorcycle operators and provide the same degree of mentorship and *Under the Oak Tree* counseling as we do for younger Soldiers. In addition to mentoring and counseling, commanders should also examine other measures to mitigate the risk of motorcycle crashes in their command.

5. I urge every Soldier, civilian, and family member to take notice. This is a problem we can solve, but the solution requires each of us to do our part. Care about the person next to you as if his or her life depended on it. Together we can continue our great tradition of accomplishing wieh excellence Any Mission, Anywhere.



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## USAG Benelux honors host nation support

By J.D. Hardesty

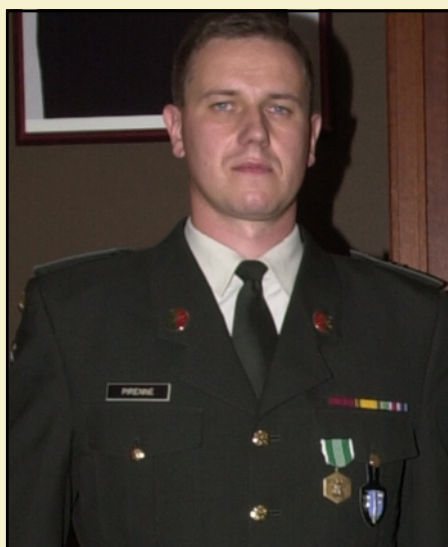
BRUSSELS - The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux presented Army Commendation Medals to two Belgian servicemembers here Oct. 12, during a reception held at the Belgian Ministry of Defense.

Commandant Thierry M. Pirenne with the Belgian Army and Adjutant Daniel F. Verdonck of the Belgian Air Force were each presented the "ARCOMs" for "meritorious service" while serving as chief and deputy respectively, Host Nation Support, Territorial Directorate, 80th Area Support Group and the U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army.

Lt. Col. Scott Glass presented the medals to the Belgian servicemembers, "the first two U.S. Army medals presented to the USAG Benelux's host nation Belgian Armed Forces servicemembers since the early 1990s for their support in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm," said Michael Laney, host nation liaison officer for USAG Benelux.

"This award is very special to me," Pirenne said graciously. "I will put it in a very special place on my love myself wall," referring to where he displays all of the awards he receives. "It's been a thrill for me to meet members of the American Army and understand the American culture while providing host nation support for Belgium."

Belgian Maj. Gen. Gereard Van Caelenberge, deputy chief of staff for operations, said, "We appreciate the fact you honor our two fine people and their efforts from our defense system. As the crossroads through western Europe, it is our honor to help our allies in their warfighting efforts. Thank you for the recognition."



Commandant Thierry M. Pirenne  
Belgian Army



Adjutant Daniel F. Verdonck  
Belgian Air Force

## Army Implementing DoD Reimbursement Policy

*Army News Service*

New DoD policy allows for reimbursement to eligible Soldiers who personally purchased certain equipment after Sept. 10, 2001 and before Aug. 1, 2004.

Eligible Soldiers have until Oct. 3, 2006 to apply for reimbursement for certain designated protective, safety, or health protective equipment that was purchased by either the Soldier or by another person on behalf of the Soldier for the Soldier's personal use in anticipation of, or during, the member's deployment for Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation Iraqi Freedom. There are certain requirements for this reimbursement:

- Soldier must not have been issued equivalent government-issued protective, safety, or health equipment before the member became engaged in imminent danger or hostile fire operations.

- The protective, safety, or health equipment must have been purchased after September 10, 2001 and before August 1, 2004.

- Reimbursement for any one item shall not exceed \$1,100 and is limited to the actual purchase price, including shipping cost if applicable. If supporting receipts are unavailable, and proof of ownership and eligibility are established, reimbursement will be based on an established cost allowance table.

- The equipment must be on the approved list which cur-

rently includes the following items:

- o Complete "Vest, Outer Tactical" ("OTV") or equivalent.
- o Components of Vest Outer Tactical (OTV), if purchased separately:
  - Basic Vest, Outer Tactical (OTV)
  - Groin Protector (Interceptor)
  - Throat Protector
  - Yoke and Collar Assembly
  - Collar Protector (Interceptor)
  - Ballistic Inserts
  - Small Arms Protective Insert (SAPI)
- o Helmet, Combat
- o Ballistic Eye Protection
- o Hydration System

Claim process:

- Soldier completes claim form, DD 2902, titled, "Claim for Reimbursement and Payment Voucher for Privately Purchased Protective, Safety and Health Equipment used in Combat" and submits the form to the first field-grade commander in their chain of command. Soldiers who have separated from the Army should submit their claim to the office designated in block 12.a. on DD2902 not later than October 3, 2006.

- The Soldier's first field-grade commander or approved authorizing official is the approval authority for the claim. Authorizing Officials can reference DOD Memo dated October 4, 2005 SUBJECT: DoD Policy and Procedures for Reimbursement for Privately-Purchased Protective, Safety, or Health Equipment. Department of the Army officials will be releasing final implementation procedures shortly.

## U.S. Army to provide Rosetta Stone® foreign language training

U.S. Army Benelux Soldiers, civilian employees and their family members will have a new Army resource to tap into to learn their host nation language while serving overseas. And it's free!

The U.S. Army will make foreign-language training available at no cost to all active Army, National Guard, Reservists and Department of Army civilian personnel worldwide through its Distributed Learning System's Army e-Learning, under the Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems.

In the past, the high tempo of operations, limited resident school capacity and the scarcity of contracted language training opportunities have worked against the Army's goal of fielding a force capable of engaging in basic communications with the local population in deployed areas. Now, with the help of Fairfield Language

Technologies, creator of the computer-based language immersion program Rosetta Stone®, the Army anticipates it will be able to significantly increase basic foreign language skill-level across the force.

"Critical foreign language capability and skills are increasingly important to our Army. Rosetta Stone provides the Army with an immediate, interactive language training tool to train our Soldiers, leaders and civilians for operational deployments and professional development," Brigadier General James M. Milano, director of training, Army G-3/5/7.

Army e-Learning, the U.S. Army CIO/G6's answer to fulfill IT training requirements, provides access to commercial, information technology, business and self-development education and training courses. It will now also serve as

the Web-based language training platform the Army has determined it urgently needs to strengthen its language capabilities. Courses offered through Army e-Learning are available via the web 24 hours a day from any place in the world – at no cost to Army organizations. To date more than 213,000 users have accessed Army e-Learning, with 300-500 new users being added each week.

"To provide U.S. Army personnel around the world with the language instruction they need, the Army sought a proven Web-based foreign language training tool that could teach speaking, listening, reading and writing for a variety of target languages utilizing an immersion methodology," says Tom Adams, chief executive officer of Fairfield Language Technologies. "We're pleased that Rosetta Stone's

philosophy, design and effectiveness are providing the solution they were seeking."

Rosetta Stone provides 26 state-of-the-art language courses through Army e-Learning, including Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Danish, Dutch, French, Farsi (Persian), German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish (Latin America), Spanish (Spain), Swahili, Swedish, Thai, Turkish, Vietnamese and Welsh. These Web-based foreign language training courses teach reading, writing, speaking, and listening with immersion, completely without translation.

Access to Rosetta Stone® will be available within 30 days. Army Knowledge Online provides single sign-on access for Army e-Learning.

# Chièvres Garrison

## SHAPE/Chièvres Local Calendar

**Chièvres Fitness Center** - Women on Weights meets every Tuesday and Friday, 9.30-10.30 a.m., Yoga meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 10.30-11.30 a.m., Turbo Kick Group Fitness Class meets every Monday and Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. *Chievres Air Base Fitness Center Orientation* is scheduled for every fourth Thursday of the month. Call DSN 361-5643 for information.

**Community Activity Center** - Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.30-11.30 a.m. the Baby Buggy Brigade.

**Salsa Dancing Lessons** - Tuesday/Thursday from 6-7 p.m. for intermediate and from 7.15-8.15 p.m. for beginners at the SHAPE IC Club.

**eArmyUProgram** - An online PReP assessment test to evaluate technology skills, study habits and time management skills is available free to Army personnel at the SHAPE Education Center. Call 065-44-3466, DSN 423-3466.

**SHAPE Education Center Computer Lab** - located in Room 108, is open five days a week during business hours, and during the evening from 5-8 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays to provide assistance with websites for online diagnostic tests for CLEP, SAT, ACT, and GRE; website addresses for finan-

**Belgium Beer & Chocolate** - Oct. 22. Life doesn't get much better! Experience some of the best Belgium has to offer - Beer, Chocolate, and an encore stop for Lace. Price: •39 Adults, •29 Children 0-2.

**Horseback Riding** in Chaleux, Oct. 22.

**Paintball** - Oct. 23. Take your frustration out on your friends the fun way! Join us for an afternoon as we travel to a local paintball area to splatter away. Special Chièvres pick-up and drop off! Price: •39 - No children under 12.

**Haunted Paris** - Oct. 29. We will give you ghostly information; however, once we ar-

rive in Paris, the day is yours to spend as you wish. Price: •25.

**Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest & Bavaria** - All Saint's Recess - Oct. 29-Nov. 4. Join us for this seven-day, six-night experience where our first stop in Salzburg will indeed tell us if the "Hills are alive with the sound of music." Price: •915 Single, •745/person in twin, double, or triple, •609 child 3-12\*, •225 child 0-2\*, \*sharing room with two fully paid guests.

**Horseback Riding** in Cuesmes, October 30 For more information visit SHAPE Trips and Tours at Bldg. 307 or call DSN 423-3884 or Commercial 065 44 3884.

### Trips and Tours

cial aid, interest inventories, and more.

**An online assessment** - of technology skills, study habits and time management skills is available free to all Army personnel planning to take college courses through distance learning. Contact SHAPE Education Center by calling 423-3466 or emailing [shape.education@benelux.army.mil](mailto:shape.education@benelux.army.mil). **An Interest Inventory** is available free of charge to Army personnel. Strong Interest Inventory identifies careers that best match your interests, with detailed descriptions of the various job functions within those careers. The Strong is taken online at the SHAPE Education Center, Bldg. 212. No appointment is necessary.

Call DSN 423-3466 or email [shape.education@benelux.army.mil](mailto:shape.education@benelux.army.mil) for more information.

**Prime Time Lounge** - Grand re-opening with new lunch menu on Oct. 31, 11:30 a.m. Sub-Sandwiches, Soup and Salad Bar also available; Every Friday Karaoke Night at 9 p.m.; Halloween Party on Oct. 28, Prizes for best costume

**Learning About Belgium** - L.A.B., The next "Learning About Belgium" (L.A.B.) program will take place on Oct. 24, 25 and 26 (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting at the International Community (IC) Club each day. It is FREE (refreshments & transportation provided), open to all military & civilian personnel & their adult family members (please no children under 12) & lasts for 3 half-days. It will include a "field trip" into Mons & a reception at the Town Hall of Mons hosted by the Mayor. Call 423-4269 or civ: (065) 44-4269 for reservations.

**SHAPE International Library** - Fall Reading Program offered on Oct. 26 from 3:45-4:45 for children ages 8-10 years and on Oct. 27 for children ages 6-7 years.

**Education Fair** - Oct. 26-28 at the Chièvres PX between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet with representatives from Central Texas College, University of Maryland, University of Oklahoma, University of Phoenix, the Air Force, and SHAPE Education Center counselors. For info, call 065-44-3466, DSN 423-3466 or email [shape.education@benelux.army.mil](mailto:shape.education@benelux.army.mil).

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**Presentation of Reiki Healing Art** on Oct. 27 at 5 p.m.

**BOSS Halloween Night** on Oct. 28 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the SHAPE IC Club. Costume Contest and Prizes.

**AFTB-Course** - Communication Skills, Oct. 26 from noon-1 p.m. This course, part of the working lunch series, will discuss the different styles and how to improve your skills both in the workplace and at home. The working lunch series is offered on the last Wednesday of every month from 12-1 p.m. Each month will focus on a different workplace skill. Limited childcare is available. Advance registration for the class and childcare are required. For more information or to register call DSN: 423-5425 / Commercial 065-44-5425. Other American Forces Team Building courses include:

**r Nov. 3**, 4-7 p.m. - Improving Your Job Skills

**r Nov. 14**, 5-8 p.m. - Training and Group Dynamics

**r Nov. 15, 16**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Brussels- Instructor Training

**r Nov. 30**, noon-1 p.m. - Working Lunch Series.

**Free French Headstart** class is offered Nov. 14-25, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon at the SHAPE Education Center. Call 423-3466 or email [shape.education@benelux.army.mil](mailto:shape.education@benelux.army.mil) to register.

**Battle of the Bulge walk** in Belgium- CHIEVRES, Belgium - The 28<sup>th</sup> memorial walk commemorating the Battle of the Bulge, the greatest land battle in U.S. Army history, will be

held Dec. 17, in Bastogne, Belgium.

The walk this year, 6, 14 or 20 km, is around the eastern defensive line held by paratroopers of the 501<sup>st</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in December 1944.

The walk begins at 8 a.m. at a new location this year, the Centre Sportif "Porte de Trève".

There is a mandatory 4 euro charge per person for walker's insurance. The fee also includes a certificate from the city of Bastogne and a small souvenir. Pre-registration and payment by Dec. 5 is strongly recommended. Refunds cannot be given.

The walk finishes in time for three wreath-laying ceremonies downtown. The public is invited to participate in the parade which begins around 2:45 p.m. The traditional nut thrown from the town hall balcony is immediately afterwards.

Americans in Germany must register [ed.germany@t-online.de](mailto:ed.germany@t-online.de) or fax: 0049-(0)6507-80-2617; tel: 0049-(0)6507-8292. Americans in the Benelux register at [sb325983@skynet.be](mailto:sb325983@skynet.be) or tel: 0032-(0)2-687-6158.

### Army to fully fund family readiness groups

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — About \$43 billion has been earmarked this fiscal year for Army family programs, fully funding family readiness groups for the first time, said the Army's top personnel officer.

"We've been pushing this for years and it's gotten better and better every year," said Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, deputy chief of staff, Army G-1, one of numerous speakers during a three-day family forum Oct. 3-5 as part of the Association of the U.S. Army's annual meeting. Hagenbeck said the Army is counting on families' feedback to help ensure the money is properly allocated.

### Army Benefits Center will visit USAG Benelux

Army Benefits Center - Civilian (ABC-C) at Fort Riley, Kansas will again this year have representatives in Europe in late October - early November to present employees briefings to provide an overview of the ABC-C.

These briefings, for appropriated fund employees, covers, not only, those traditional benefits areas that people think about (retirement/estimates/deaths) but in addition, such things as Post 56 military service, Deposit/Redeposit, and other creditable service plus much more. For briefing facilities with internet connectivity, there will also be a live demonstration of the

various automated tools available for employees to use.

**Where:** U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, Caserne Daumerie, Chievres, Bldg. 30, auditorium.

**When:** Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon.

A VTC (Videoconference) session will be held at 2 p.m. with Brussels, Rotterdam (NL), Schinnen (NL) and Lakenheath (UK).

Get questions answered regarding FEHB, FEGLI, TSP and FERS or CSRS Retirement.

Additional information is available on the ABC-C website at <https://www.abc.army.mil>.

Call DSN 361-5063 or comm:





# USAG Brussels Tri-Mission News

## U.S. Delegation helps those in need

By Dorothy Nevins

Compassion coupled with the gastronomic delight of a good old fashioned American chili dog equals more than (no, it's not heartburn) \$2,200 raised for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

A few philanthropic non-commissioned officers and civilians of the United States Delegation at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, took it upon themselves to come up with a way to help raise money for the Hurricane Katrina victims.

The group, organized by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Wesbrock, held two separate chili dog and hot dog sales at NATO Headquarters last month.

"I was absolutely amazed at the amount of generosity our NATO allies



PHOTO: Courtesy U.S. Delegation to NATO

Making a difference "one dog at a time" Marine Gunnery Sgt. Darby Carter (left) teams with Staff Sgt. Jeremy Wesbrock on the serving line to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims.

came forth with," said Wesbrock. The "grill master," Todd Pierce, has seen his share of hot dogs for awhile. More than 500 of his delectable dogs were hastily sold out on both occasions.

Andrews Federal Credit Union is doubling the U.S. Delegation's efforts, matching contributions up to \$25,000 with the proceeds going to the American Red Cross. Charitable contributions are still being accepted at many branches of Andrews Federal Credit Union through Oct. 31.

Members of the fundraising group included Pierce, with Dona Brooks, Wesbrock, Master Sgt. Michael Strauch, Marine Gunnery Sgt. Darby Carter, Staff Sgts. David Cooke, John Brady and Sgt. Zach Jackson working the serving line

## Brussels Fitness Center flexes mission muscle



PHOTO: Courtesy Brussels Fitness Center

Lee Aldridge, a Brussels Fitness Center patron shapes up his biceps with curls.

By Thad Moyseowicz

U.S. military facilities, as a matter of long-standing practice, are endowed with facilities which support the physical fitness requirements of military members, their family members and DoD civilians.

U.S. Army Garrison Brussels is no exception. The garrison's Brussels Fitness Center plays a particularly central role for the Brussels community. Open 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, it enjoys arguably the highest usage rate of any Brussels garrison community facility. Data from the gym's sign-in sheet show an average of 60 to 90 customers per day during the working week, dropping down to about half that over weekends.

"Our primary mission is to make sure soldiers are fit," says Brussels Sports and Fitness Director Eric Popp. In addition to running the fitness center located at the USAG compound, Popp and his staff of three supervise the racquetball court located at Brussels American School and run the local adult intramural program.

Popp has been director since late July after previously serving as a fitness coordinator in Chièvres, Belgium. A Brussels resident during that time, he had already been a Brussels fitness center customer for several years. He acknowledges that it had been a good facility, but says he had experienced some disappointment as a user, particularly in terms of layout and hours of operation. Although the facility is reasonably spacious, "there was no open exercise area for aerobics or stretch-

ing," he said. "The free weight area was crammed into a comparatively small space, and some of the fitness machines were clearly reaching the end of their useful lives." Upon taking over, Popp rearranged the basic floor plan, and managed to find enough space to create a semi-detached aerobics and stretching room. He was also able to secure year-end funding to replace or repair several machines that were "on their last legs," as well as expand into other areas, such as Spinbike training.

Popp takes very seriously his mission of providing for the fitness of Army soldiers. Feedback from members of the Garrison resulted in the Center's rearranging and otherwise rationalizing its hours.

"We didn't cut hours of operation; we still run the fitness center for 15 hours each work day, and 7 hours on weekends." Probably the key response to the concerns expressed by soldiers was to open the gym earlier. "We now open our doors at 5 a.m. on workdays and holidays," says Popp.

USAG Brussels' primary mission is the support of the U.S. Representation to NATO in the Brussels capital region. The fitness center likewise provides a valued and popular exercise venue for the many uniformed members of the U.S. armed forces who work at NATO Headquarters, as well as to their families.

Usage privileges are also extended to Tri-Missions members as well as to the Canadian forces through a bilateral U.S.-Canadian agreement.

These customers are particularly enthusiastic supporters of the fitness center. U.S. Navy Captain "Dano" Lynch, came to the U.S. Mission to NATO from command of a maritime patrol wing in Brunswick, Maine. "The Naval Air Station in Brunswick that I came from is definitely in the 'very large' category, as bases go, serving a population base of several thousand sailors," Lynch said. He goes on to say that "the USAG Brussels fitness center, pound for pound, compares very favorably with the Brunswick facility. I was very pleasantly surprised with the quality of our Brussels Fitness Center."

Popp is proud of his staff, the ones who make the fitness center run on a daily basis. "Vincent Arnould has a degree in exercise physiology from a Belgian university," says Popp. "He has been with us for several years. William Henry and Said Chikhi are more recent members of the team. All of us share the same philosophy of service to our customers."

Popp would like for the fitness center to assume a greater role in being a clearinghouse and otherwise disseminating information to the community about local sports activities. "It's not well known in the community that Brussels has an American-style professional football team," he said. And, there are numerous wonderful bicycle trails in the area."

Popp asked fitness center patrons to share with his staff any information they may obtain concerning such local sports and fitness-related activities so that the center can further disseminate it for the benefit of the Tri-Mission community.

"Our mission is to promote the fitness of soldiers," said Popp. "Providing the physical fitness center venue is an important tool to meet that mission, but, ultimately, what we're trying to do is get all of our customers to adopt a fitness lifestyle for the long haul."



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## USAG Brussels Local Calendar

**Education EXPO at NATO Headquarters:** Oct. 21 at 8.30 a.m. Education EXPO at the U.S. Embassy/Community Liason Office.

**CHOCOLATE BOWL II** - "International Youth Flag Football Tournament" will be held at Brussels American School fields Nov. 5, kick-off at 10 a.m. Several 12-15-year-old youth teams from Belgium, Holland, Germany, and France will converge on Brussels to vie for the chocolate statue! Call Youth Sports at 02 717-9649.

**8th Annual U.S. Army Garrison Brussels Autumn Festival** will be held Oct. 28, 3:30-6 p.m. at Child and Youth Services, followed by a family dance at the Three-Star Lounge. This year's theme is the "Wild Wild West." Schedule of event include:

**1 p.m.:** "Office Door Decoration Contest" judging in bldgs. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

**3-6 p.m.:** Hamburgers, chips and soft drinks will be sold.

**3:30-6 p.m.:** Enjoy "Door to Door Trick or Treating" in bldgs. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

**3:30-11 p.m.:** Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts a Haunted House.

**4-6 p.m.:** Open volleyball at the Sports Center.

**Until 6 p.m.:** Indian Face Painting, Buffalo Bingo, Gold Rush Fish Pond, other games and crafts at CYS.

**6:30 p.m.-11 p.m.:** All Ages Dance starts at the Three-Star Lounge or Kindergarten through 5th grade may attend Movie Night at the CYS Multi-purpose area. Advance sign-up at CYS: 02 717-9651.

## Brussels College Night 2005



PHOTO: Dorothy Nevins

More than 400 students and parents converged on Brussels American School earlier this month for College Night 2005, a combined venture by not only BAS, but also the Commission for Educational Exchange, the International School of Brussels and St. John's International School.

The participants had over 40 college admissions officers from the United States as well as American/European colleges in Europe at their disposal to answer questions and provide brochures and admissions applications. The U.S. Service Academies (Air Force, Army, Navy) and the USAF ROTC program were also represented.

"This was a great opportunity for students and parents to learn about higher education programs available in the U.S. and Europe and to be able to speak face-to-face with several representatives in one place," said Mr. Lee Hill, one of the event coordinators and a counselor at BAS. St. John's International School will be the venue for next year's event.

## Belgian 'brocante' a paradise for thrifty shoppers

By Thad Moyseowicz

Anyone who's spent time in Belgium can rattle off some typically Belgian "things." Moules and frites, beer, waffles, chocolate- these are some of the staple foods that help define Belgium. But there are other things besides food that typify Belgium. The "brocante," or flea market, is one of those iconic Belgian institutions with which many of us are familiar.

On Oct. 16, the Brussels American School's Parent-Teacher-Student organization sponsored the community's first brocante held since 2002. The event was held at the Brussels American School, and was a huge success. Forty three stall spaces were rented to individuals and community organizations.

Individual stallholders were able to dispose of unneeded treasures, and activities such as the PTSO, BAS Junior Class, Boy & Girl Scouts, Club Beyond and others were able to raise funds both



through stalls and by running food concessions. Over 700 people attended the event, of which at least 465 were Belgian and other nationals.

"We had held at least three other brocantes since 2000," says lead organizer and outgoing USAG Brussels School Liaison Officer Bill Greenwald. "But they had pretty much run out of steam. We found they had become closed yard sales, with members of the U.S. community buying and selling from each other. Security requirements pretty much precluded participation by non-

U.S. ID card holders." Greenwald credits USAG-Brussels' Commander, Lt. Col. Patrick J. Kilroy with making it possible to invite buyers from outside the U.S. community and within the local neighborhoods. Garrison MPs and contract guards, working in close collaboration with the local Zaventem police force, provided the necessary physical security that allowed non-U.S. locals to enter the BAS school compound for the first time in years.

"In addition to significantly increasing the amount of euro-denominated

buying power for the benefit of our community sellers," says Kilroy, "we were able to conduct a significant outreach into the local Belgian community in which we're embedded." Kilroy went on to explain how necessary force protection measures over the years had had the unintended effect of isolating the U.S. presence in the Brussels area.

"I'm happy for our sellers and fund raisers," he says, "but I'm probably even more gratified that so many of our non-U.S. neighbors took the time on a beautiful, sunny day to come and get to know us." Long-time Sterrebeek resident Dr. P. De Nayer lives about a mile from BAS, which he can see from his house. In addition to being able to buy some toys for his grandchildren, he noted that this was the first time he had ever been on the school grounds.

"It was so nice to finally be able to see what's beyond the fence," he said. "Now I'd like to see a baseball game!"





# USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

## MOUT training tests Schinnen MPs



PHOTOS: 1st Lt. Laura Weimer

**Staff Sgt. Harold Anderson (right) in the role of an Afghan police trainee, leads an assault of a suspected weapons cache.**

**By Sylvia Bowron**

Soldiers from the USAG Schinnen Military Police Detachment participated in Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain (MOUT) training with the 230th Military Police Company, 95th MP Battalion, Aug. 5-24, at Hammelberg, Germany. The Soldiers, Staff Sgt. Harold Anderson, Sgt. Ric Cureton, Spc. Migeul Oliveras, Pfc. Luis Rivera and Pvt. Joshua Bilunka stated they enjoyed the training, improved their skills and learned quite a bit.

"This is the first time that Schinnen has sent MP Soldiers to conduct field training operations," said Master Sgt. Ronald Kirkemo, operations sergeant. "Schinnen is a garrison MP environment, and I believe, that for Soldiers to learn their combat mission, they need this training."

"We have brand new Soldiers here that have never been to the field and this was the opportunity to allow them to do that type of training," said Kirkemo. "They're not always

going to stay in a garrison environment. Their next tour will probably be a combat support unit or division MP company and they will be doing house-to-house searches and use the type of training they learned in Hammelberg."

MOUT training encompasses most conceivable scenarios that involve missions in built-up areas and trains Soldiers to conduct those missions without civilian casualties or unnecessary collateral damage.

"It is all hands on training you learn as you go," said Cureton. "You do a walk through, or call through and run, but with urban operations it's either a walk or run stage. One of our simulated missions was to go in and get one person, who was the evildoer and take him to Military Intelligence for questioning."

"Another obstacle was that there were others looking for the evildoer to kill him to prevent him from talking and giving us information. That was

our whole mission.

"Bilunka did very well," said Cureton. "During the simulation one of the mock Afghanistan police force members portrayed by a member of another platoon, the Afgan ally ended up with a sunken chest wound. Although the wound was simulated, Bilunka put a bandage on the wound to stop the bleeding in less than three minutes and while in the back of a Humvee."

"He did perfect," he said. "He ripped open an MRE package, cut a piece off and taped it to the chest wound and applied a bandaged to keep pressure on the wound, it was superb! We also took the wounded man back with us for medical attention."

According to Cureton, they learned and practiced movement techniques inside of buildings, how to enter buildings, searches, driving down roads, setting up road blocks, scanning the buildings, and how to walk in a wood line without making the branches crunch.

"At first, when we reported to the 230th MP company, I was a little nervous because I've never been with a full company of MPs," said Olivarez, "but then I saw that they are not much different than us except they have a lot of other equipment."

"In the two weeks of training with the 230th MPs, I learned many things. The first week I spent with the OPFOR (Opposing Forces)," he said,

"And learned that it is very easy to identify other people's mistakes and that it's a lot easier to defend."

"During the second week of training, I put on the uniform and perform different scenarios; I learned that the most important thing is to work as a team," said Olivarez. "It is especially important when your life depends on them and their life depends on you."

"Sgt. Cureton and I trained our soldiers for three days before leaving to link up with the 230th from Kaiserslautern, Germany," said Staff Sgt. Harold Anderson. "I feel the three days of training really helped prepare the Soldiers to fit in better."

"The MOUNT training at the village in Hammelberg is the best I have ever seen," said Anderson. "The training consisted of one week doing OPFOR (Opposing Forces) which means playing the role of civilians in the battlefield (i.e., mayors, refugees, police

chiefs, insurgents etc.). The next week we trained doing BlueFOR (Blue Forces) which means practicing doing our wartime and peacetime jobs (arrests, foot patrols, mobile patrols, quick reaction force, convoy escorts, mass casualty exercises, responding to IED's (Improvised Explosive Devices) cordon and building search, and searching for weapon caches."

"The training was awesome," said Rivera. "It refreshed a lot of the things we learned in basic training. It was actually pretty intense and I learned a lot," he said. "I loved every single moment of it and the thing I enjoyed the most was working on the team; clearing buildings, talking to each other and learning each others movements. There your team worked as one. Here we don't get that much team training. That is what I enjoyed the most, the team effort toward a common goal," Rivera concluded.



Pvt. Joshua Bilunka slides down a wire cable during the obstacle course.

### Power luncheons provide food for body and mind



PHOTO: Sylvia Bowron

**USAG Schinnen and Tri-Border community, lead by Chaplain Onerray Neal, give thanks for their meal.**

**By Sylvia Bowron**

The U. S. Army Garrison Religious Support Office held a power luncheon Sept. 12, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Schinnen Bowling Center. The last luncheon was held in June. July and August are months where families take vacations and leave time and were discontinued for those months.

The power luncheons began in the fall of 2003, and was an idea of by the chaplain at that time, Chaplain

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# MPs



PHOTO: Sylvia Bowron

**Tim Telega (left), AIS Booster Club president announces AFNORTH cheerleaders entry 'Cheerin Chili' as 1st place winner for Best Chili Contest. Holding the trophy high for the cheerleaders is Hope Rutlege as daughter Genesis looks up. Penny Gibson (center) the cheerleaders cook, and AIS athletic director /head cheerleading coach gives the congratulatory high sign with Demetria Miles.**

**By Sylvia Bowron**

The AFNORTH Cheerleader's won first prize in the AFNORTH International School (AIS) Booster Club's chili cook-off held Sept. 29, at AFNORTH School.

The cheerleaders and their 'Cheerin' Chili' recipe made by Penny Gibson, took the number one spot from last year's first place winner, Pat McCaffrey, and his Mad Man McCaff's Magic Chili. winding up the top three was Pres Farris and the AFNORTH Middle School's 7th Grade, '7-alarm chili.'

The Peoples Choice award for best flavor went to Tony West and his 'Grandma's Home Style Chili. Frankie and Mike Reynolds won best name with their

## AFNORTH cheerleaders chili cook-off champs

'Frankie and Mike's 'Both End Burner Chili.' Most Unique was Sharron McCaffrey's 'Just another Chicken Chili. The 50/50 Drawing Winner, Mary Stevenson won 14 Euro and \$25.

"All the chilis were good," said Bev Wigley "and that made it a difficult job for all our judges."

Chaplain Scott Borderud, garrison Religious Support Office, was the head judge for the event. The other judges were Lt. Col. Richard S. Richardson, USAG Schinnen commander, Carol

Forbis, American High School principal, Jim Forbis, and Charmaine Martel, Canadian High School principal.

"We every type of chili present at the cook-off," said Borderud. "There is no better way to end a work week than to sample the best Americans and Canadians have to offer.

"Lt. Col. Richardson and I, along with our distinguished judicial colleagues from the faculty and staff of AFNORTH International School sampled the chilies vying for the top award," said Borderud. "The competition for the number one chili was so tight that the judges were forced to recess to their chamber for additional tasting and scoring. It is stressful,

but very rewarding work," he added.

Some comments from the other judges were: "This chili is so hot, I can't taste anything else!" "Where's the beef? What do they think we are vegetarians?" "Now this here chili has four legs, barks, and wags its tail like real chili." "A Canadian won a prize? How did we let that happen in a chili cook-off?"

"The AIS Booster Club supports AIS athletic activities," said Wigley, "We conduct fundraisers to generate funds for end-of- season sports award ceremonies and presentations, as well as providing the teams with extras not supplied by the school.

"The majority of our receipts come from the food and drink sales in the Lion's Lair Canteen and the sale of Spirit items (t-shirts, sweatshirts, lanyards etc.," she said. "We appreciate the community's support of all our booster club activities and encourage booster club membership to all AIS students, their families and teachers. The canteen sales earned approximately \$600 during this event."

After the cook-off contest, the cheerleaders played their powder-puff (football) game and then fire department lit the traditional homecoming bonfire.

Kate Hoff, student council sponsor, announced the winners of the spirit contest. "The German section competed for there first time this year," said Hoff, "and they won!"

To complete the traditional homecoming pre-game event, after the announcement of the spirit contest, the cheerleaders led the crowd in throwing Brussels effigies into the fire.



## Hispanic Heritage – a celebration of culture



PHOTO: Sylvia Bowron

**Willie Short and Carla Kruizinga show off their Salsa skills.**

**By Sylvia Bowron**

The Tri-Border Special Emphasis Committee celebrated National Hispanic American Heritage Month Sept. 16 at the Memories Lounge, U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen Bowling Center with a food tasting event, music and Salsa dancing.

Master Sgt. Leroy Lee, noncommis-

sioned officer in charge of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, opened the celebration with a brief welcome to those in attendance and inviting them to partake in the foods prepared for the celebration.

The food tasting was coupled with salsa and Hispanic dance lessons and displays of the countries that comprise the Hispanic cultural.

The food, donated by members of the Tri-Border community represent countries such as Puerto Rico, México and Honduras, tantalized and satisfied the palates of more than 200 people who came to enjoy the festivities. There were plenty of scrumptious chicken enchiladas, fried chicken, homemade salsa, and several types of beans, meat and

bean dishes, mashed potatoes shaped into balls and filled with a spiced hamburger meat, rice with pigeon peas, salchicha, a rice with sausage, tortillas, tortilla chips and dips.

Adding to the festivities was the playing of colorful and cheerful music, which helped to set the tone for the remainder of the evening. As people finished their food, talk soon turned to

dancing and a fun evening.

"I thought the Hispanic heritage celebration was a very successful event," said Laverne Yelverton. "I enjoyed most of all the food selection. The turnout was very good; I got a chance to chat with some of my old co-workers from Headquarters, Combat Equipment Group-Europe (CEG-E). I really enjoyed everything!"

### Fall Clean-up

U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen will conduct the annual Fall Clean-up, Oct. 24-28. This provides an opportunity to remove old vegetation, cartons, wood, unwanted items, and conduct a general site clean-up to improve and maintain area beautification.

The SORT center will be open for the following extended hours of operation during this time. The extended hours for the Oct. 24-28 period are from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Individuals who prefer to use their local recycling center must contact their local town hall or municipality for specific information regarding hours of operation and disposal. If you reside in private least quarters and have a need for temporary issue of garden tools, please contact the Self Help Store in Bldg. 18, or call DSN 360-7345 for information.





# USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

**Excercise! Excercise! Excercise!**

## First responders keep garrison safe



PHOTOS: J.D. Hardesty

First responders from Schinnen and South Limburg Province partnered to protect the Schinnen military community during a mass casualty exercise here Oct. 3. Pictures above reflect the firetrucks from Schinnen, ambulances from South

Limburg Province and several teams of emergency personnel responding to a (imaginary) terrorist explosion near Autoroute-79 with the blast causing physical damage to garrison buildings and injuring several workers in the area.

## Friendship makes it work

By J.D. Hardesty

The value of friendship can be tested in an emergency. A true friend is always there.

First responders from Schinnen and South Limburg Province showed U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen they were true friends Oct. 3, as they responded to a mock mass casualty terrorist attack along Autoroute-79 that exercises the teamwork and partnership of The Netherlands and the U.S. Army.

"Our partnership with emergency re-

sponders from the police, fire and medical services from municipal and provincial governments to keep Soldiers, their families and our employees safe and secure is a testament to the friendship we have built over the years with our host nation," said Lt. Col. Richard S. Richardson, commander of USAG Schinnen. "Their responding in force supporting the MSACAL exercise demonstrates their heartfelt sincerity to the Schinnen community."

"This is the first exercise we've con-

ducted on this scale in more than three years," said Maj. Dan Peterson, director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "Over 30 role players as victims, from Dutch National Guard to professional play actors from LOTUS organization."

"This was an exercise not only for the garrison," he said, "But an exercise establishing command and control relationships with local police, fire and ambulance services enabling host nation emergency services to achieve specific training objectives while

working jointly with U.S. forces."

According to Randal Garfield, anti-terrorism officer for the garrison and planner for the event, "This showed we and the host nation working together were ready to respond in the case of an emergency, accident or disaster," he said. "It would have been impossible for us to accomplish an exercise of this magnitude without their partnership and without their friendship."



## JFC Alliance Theater

**Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. *The Great Raid*.** Starring Benjamin Bratt, James Franco. Rated R. 132 min. Taking place during World War II, 500 POW's have been entrapped in a camp for 3 years. Beginning to give up hope they will ever be rescued, a group of Rangers goes on a dangerous mission to try and save them.

**Oct. 22, 4 p.m. *Supercross*.** Starring Steve Howey, Mike Vogel. Rated PG-13. 92 min. Two brothers overcome emotional and physical obstacles to achieve success in the competitive world of Supercross racing. The brothers' conflicts are magnified by their different life choices and their decision to become competitors and rivals. KC is a cautious and his younger brother Trip, has anatural talent but takes too many risks.

**7 p.m. *Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo*.** Starring Rob Schneider, Eddie Griffin. Rated R. 83 min. Deuce Bigalow is seduced back to his unlikely pleasure-for-pay profession, when his former pimp T.J. Hicks is implicated in the murders of Europe's greatest gigolos. Deuce must go back to work in order to clear his good friend's name.

**Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. *The Skeleton Key*.** Starring Kate Hudson, Gena Rowlands. Rated PG-13. 104 min.

Caroline is a twenty-five-year-old hospice worker who cares for the ailing and the elderly, a job designed to atone for her own mistake for ignoring her dying father in the past, when she had been a rock n' roll manager. After her latest charge passes away, Caroline takes a job in Louisiana caring for Ben, but becomes suspicious of the house, and Ben's cold wife, Violet only adds to the creepy atmosphere.

**Oct. 29, 4 p.m. *Undiscovered*.** Starring Pell James, Steven Strait. Rated PG-13. 97 min. An aspiring New York model falls in love with a struggling musician when they suddenly cross paths on a subway train. Having achieved success as a model, she decides to move to L.A. to launch an acting career again crosses paths with the struggling musician.

**7 p.m. *Dukes of Hazzard*.** Starring Sean William Scott, Jessica Simpson. Rated PG-13. 105 min. Bo and Luke Duke, who with the help of their eye-catching cousin Daisy, try and save the family farm from being destroyed by Hazzard County's corrupt commissioner Boss Hogg. Their efforts constantly find the "Duke Boys" eluding authorities in "The General Lee", their famed 1969 orange Dodge Charger that keeps them one step ahead of the law.

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(Capt.) Colin Smith.

After several people entered the eating area, Chaplain (Maj.) Onerray Neil asked everyone to pause for grace before lunch was served.

When the last few people in line are receiving their lunch, the chaplain tells everyone to continue their meal, and then uses this time for fellowship and some food for thought.

"This is an outreach ministry to the community by which we wish to bring a spiritual message to men and women at the workplace who do not routinely attend chapel services at JFC Brunssum," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Scott Borderud, USAG Schinnen Religious Support Office. "The power lunch is entirely funded by the JFC Brunssum Chapel Protestant congregation."

"The luncheons are free and are prepared and donated by a member or members of the community, and are open to anyone who is at Schinnen: military, U.S. civilians, Dutch Ministry of Defense (D.M.O.D.) personnel and contractors."

"Chaplain (Major) Onerray Neal chose the Bowling alley for two important reasons: the ability to prepare and serve food on-site, and the presence of seating which does not have to be set-up and torn-down for each event," he said. "It is also less labor-intensive for all of us."

"The messages are spiritual and designed to be upbeat, practical, hopeful, and connecting with God," he said.

The power lunches are held the first Monday of each month, from noon to 1 p.m.